

## Apply for a Grant

A congregation applying for a Chalice Lighter grant must meet certain minimum requirements to obtain a grant. A congregation must:

- have at least 30% of its members enrolled as Chalice Lighters
- be a UUA Annual Program Fund Honor Society
- be a PNWD Full Fair Share dues congregation
- have a formal growth plan

The proposed grant must fund a project that helps implement the growth plan.

Congregations that do not have a formal growth plan should contact one of the District's congregational consultants. The District office can help you make that contact. Groups that wish to apply for a grant to initiate a new congregation are expected to meet with the District Executive and a congregational consultant at the earliest opportunity before applying for a grant.

Application forms, as well as deadlines for congregational grant proposals, are available on the PNWD website: [www.pnwd.org](http://www.pnwd.org). Incomplete applications may be returned. In order to save environmental resources, electronic submissions are preferred. The completed grant application should be emailed to: [chalicelighter@pnwd.org](mailto:chalicelighter@pnwd.org).

**The Chalice Lighter Program, through a generosity of spirit, nurtures congregational life and enjoys a special and supportive connection to the larger UU community.**

“We can do no great things;  
only small things with great love.”

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*Your staff and all Pacific Northwest District services are possible only because of your PNWD and UUA dues. Thank you for your generosity.*



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# The Chalice Lighter Program



Become One of Almost 2,000  
Dedicated UUs Helping  
PNWD Congregations Grow



Pacific Northwest District  
Unitarian Universalist  
Association of Congregations

**The Chalice Lighter Program enables congregations to take a significant step into the future by responding to their call.**

The Chalice Lighter Program provides grants to congregations in the Pacific Northwest District. Grants are funded exclusively through contributions from more than 2,000 PNWD Unitarian Universalists who participate as Chalice Lighters. Chalice Lighter grants are intended to assist congregations in achieving their growth potential.

Past grants have been used by congregations to provide:

- Professional religious leadership
- An outdoor sign and landscaping
- Building improvements
- An elevator for accessibility
- Chairs for a new sanctuary
- Additional insulation and new windows

Congregations facing the financial challenges of growth are encouraged to explore the possibilities the Chalice Lighter Program offers; and consider combining a Chalice Lighter grant with other resources such as the Pacific Northwest Unitarian Universalist Growth Foundation. (Their brochure is available from the PNWD office or on the website under Publications at pnwd.org.)

**A Chalice Lighter contribution is fully tax deductible.** Individuals contributing \$250 or more in a year will receive a receipt.

## Become a Chalice Lighter

It's a joyful feeling... three times per year, you will see your contribution make a real difference in a congregation. Your gift will increase exponentially in its impact as it joins with other contributions from around the District to support our liberal religious presence in the Pacific Northwest. When you become a Chalice Lighter, our collective effectiveness grows even more.

**Right now, only 21.5% of PNWD UUs are Chalice Lighters. In 2009, we want that to increase to 30%, so we can make grants of up to \$29,000 to PNWD congregations for growth.**

At the 2008 Annual Meeting of the PNWD, all congregations were challenged to get to 30% participation in the Chalice Lighter Program. If they do so, each call will produce at least \$29,000. Now that's real money! Because a congregation must have 30% enrollment to obtain a grant, you help yourself as well as your PNWD neighbors.

**The Chalice Lighter believes in the possibilities and future of our District and the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations.**

Each year you will receive no more than three call letters. The letter will explain the purpose of the call and ask for your pledge of at least \$10. Every dollar you send will be used for those purposes by that congregation, so you will know exactly where your money is going.

The minimum pledge of \$10 has not changed since the program was initiated in 1990. It has been kept small to make it easier to join the program. If we increased the minimum to keep pace with inflation, today we would ask for over \$16. If you are able, please consider setting that amount as your minimum personal pledge to Chalice Lighters. Donations of any amount, including larger gifts, are most welcome!

Please fill out this form and return to your local Chalice Lighter representative or mail to:

Chalice Lighters  
PNWD - UUA  
12700 SE 32nd Street, #E-101  
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Or save paper and sign up online at [www.pnwd.org](http://www.pnwd.org) and pass along this brochure to someone else in your congregation!

YES! I want to be a Chalice Lighter. I will respond to three calls a year by sending at least \$10 for each call.

PLEASE PRINT.

Write out your complete congregational name, no initials please:

I am a member of (congregation):

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please send my/our call letter by email to save resources.
- Please enroll by spouse/partner who is also a member of my congregation and whose name is: \_\_\_\_\_
- Save money by combining our mailings.

Because grant eligibility is based on percentage of church membership, couples who enroll as Chalice Lighters are treated as two individuals and are expected to respond to each call with at least \$20.